

ABSTRACT

An apparatus for bending a bar-like dough piece into substantially an M-shaped piece is disclosed. A conveying section (2) continuously conveys bar-like dough pieces (1) in a traveling direction that is orthogonal to the length of the bar-like dough piece (1). Each incoming bar-like dough piece (1), whose length is measured by photosensors (38), is centered by a centering device in a centering section (3) based on the measured length of it. A forming section (4) bends the centered bar-like dough piece (1) with a centrally located bending member and two bending members symmetrically located with respect to the center of the length of the bar-like dough piece. Because the symmetrically located bending members are oriented inversely with respect to the centrally located bending member, the bar-like dough piece (1) is formed into an M-shaped piece.

The bending members are varied depending on the length of the bar-like dough piece, and the distances of the movement, in said traveling direction, of the bending members are adjustable.

[Fig. 1]